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SUBJECT: KUWAIT OIL MEETING: ELUCIDATION OF OIL

MINISTERS COMMUNIQUE BY OAPEC SECRETARY GENERAL

RAHMAN ATEGHA

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BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO FINANCIAL TIMES, ATEGHA

DECLARED ARAB PRODUCERS OBJECTIVE WAS FULL EMBARGO OF US WITH LIBYA AND ALGERIA NEXT TO MOVE WITHIN A FEW DAYS. IN DEFINING "FRIENDLY" STATE WHICH MIGHT CON*INUE TO RECEIVE PREVIOUS SHARE OF OIL, HE SAID FRANCE, ITALY, SPAIN AND YUGOSLAVIA WOULD BE MOST CLOSELY WATCHED FOR FRIENDLY GESTURES. ATEGHA SAID JAPAN "COULD DO MORE". END SUMMARY.

1. OCTOBER 19 FINANCIAL TIMES CARRIES DAVID HOUSEGO REPORT FROM KUWAIT ON PRIVATE BRIEFING BY OAPEC SECRETARY GENERAL ATEGHA TO ELUCIDATE ON ARAB OIL MINISTERS COMMUNIQUE. ATEGHA STATED OBJECTIVE OF ARAB PRODUCERS WAS A FULL EMBARGO OF US. WHILE SOME PRODUCERS MIGHT MOVE TOWARDS IT MORE SLOWLY THAN OTHERS, LIBYA AND ALGERIA ARE LIKELY TO ANNOUNCE EMBARGO ON CRUDE SALES TO US WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. ATEGHA NOTED MINIMUM 5 PER CENT CUTBACK WAS TO APPLY TO EXPORTS AS WELL AS PRODUCTION, AND GOVERNMENTS WOULD SUPERVISE TANKER LOADINGS TO SEE THAT LIMITS WERE ENFORCED.

2. IN DISCUSSING AMBIGUOUS PARAGRAPH OF COMMUNIQUE REGARDING SPECIAL TREATMENT OF "FRIENDLY" STATES WHO WOULD RECEIVE THEIR SHARE OF OIL AS BEFORE, ATEGHA REPORTEDLY SAID IT HAD BEEN LEFT OPEN TO EACH PRODUCER TO DEFINE WHOM IT CONSIDERED FRIENDLY, BUT AN IMPORTANT FACTOR AFFECTING JUDGEMENT ON THIS SCORE WOULD BE RESPONSE OF INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER NATIONS TO COMMUNIQUE. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, A "FRIENDLY" STATE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO DECLARE SUPPORT FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND FOR RESTORATION OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. A "FRIENDLY" STATE WOULD NOT BE LIKELY TO AID ISRAEL IN ANY WAY, SUCH AS ALLOWING VOLUNTEERS TO PASS THROUGH HER TERRITORY. IT WOULD ALSO BE EXPECTED TO HELP PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL, POSSIBLY THROUGH MEDIUM OF US, TO AGREE TO SETTLEMENT OF MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT ON ABOVE TERMS.

3. ATEGHA REPORTEDLY SAID AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS CLOSE TO ARABS AND WHO WOULD BE MOST CLOSELY WATCHED FOR FRIENDLY GESTURES WERE FRANCE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITALY, SPAIN AND YUGOSLAVIA. HE NOTED THAT JAPAN "COULD DO MORE." APART FROM US, ATEGHA DID NOT NAME ANY "UNFRIENDLY COUNTRIES".

4. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. DEPARTMENT PASS AS APPROPRIATE TO ALGIERS, KUWAIT AND BEIRUT.

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